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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 22ND, 1910.

SINCE the Portuguese Revolution was so quietly and easily effected much has been heard about modern revolutions, and the superior methods with which such radical changes of government are now brought about, compared with former times. It is, indeed, a far cry from the terrible scenes which accompanied the French Revolution to the humane methods of the Portuguese Revolutionist; but a survey of the conditions in both cases by no means leaves the impression that a revolution such as that which convulsed France at the end of the 18th century is no longer possible in this the 20th century. Not that the Portuguese Revolution was less humane than the French Revolution; but a survey of the conditions in both cases by no means leaves the impression that a revolution such as that which convulsed France at the end of the 18th century is no longer possible in this the 20th century. Not that the Portuguese Revolution was less humane than the French Revolution; but a survey of the conditions in both cases by no means leaves the impression that a revolution such as that which convulsed France at the end of the 18th century is no longer possible in this the 20th century.

In the first place, the revolutionists knew exactly what they wanted, and that was a Republic. Perhaps in this they were influenced by the example of Brazil, whose President happened, curiously enough, to be paying a visit to Portugal at the time. However that may be, there was a strong Republican party, almost if not quite openly professing their principles and their

object, which was not merely to depose the King and abolish the Monarchy, but to establish a Republic at once in its place. There was thus none of the confusion and conflict of opinion which usually accompany such outbursts. The work to be done was clearly mapped out and was done swiftly and well. Here evidently lies the chief reason why the Portuguese Revolution was accomplished so rapidly and so humanely. Looking backward the more than hundred years that have passed since the greatest of revolutions thrilled Europe, one sees the revolutionists of France, wandering aimlessly from one desperate act to another, even those who were their nominal leaders seeking rather to patch up the old regime than to erect something stable in its stead. The final result could only be that "whiff of grape-shot" by which NAPOLEON blew the Revolution into space, and paved the way for a Dictatorship. How different the scene in Portugal, although the House of Braganza might have been expected to have been as firmly seated on the Throne as the unhappy Louis. Not but that in Portugal also there were signs of a coming storm. It is easy to be wise after the event, but even King MANUEL—if the report be true that on being awakened by the guns he asked, "Is it the revolution that has begun?"—must have seen in the assassination of his father and elder brother an indication that matters were coming to a crisis. Some evidence has been advanced that this crime cannot be laid at the door of the Republicans, but that it owed its origin to one of the two groups of the Monarchists who alternately wielded the administration, under the fear that FRANCO was about to undertake reforms which would deprive them of the sweets of office. At all events it would seem that while, on the one hand, the Monarchists made no real effort to bring the regicides to justice, on the other hand the Republicans refused to be drawn by that event into displaying their hand prematurely. Two noteworthy points in the story of the Revolution are the part played by the Government and the almost unanimous republican spirit in the Navy. The Government appears to have been fully aware that a revolution was imminent, and that the revolutionary spirit was strong in the Navy. It can hardly have been mere luck which caused the Government to order the warships to leave the Tagus on September 14th, the day for which the revolution was originally planned, though it may have been merely suspicion which caused the Minister of the Marine, shortly before the actual revolution began, to signal to the warships in the harbour to know if they were ready for action, adding that, if not, they were to prepare without any delay. This may have been merely suspicion, but if so it displayed a curious lack of knowledge as to the temper of the Navy. This signal it was, by the way, which caused the Republicans to lose one of their best men, Admiral CANDIDO DOS REIS, who shot himself under the impression that the plot was discovered and all was lost. It is significant of the firmness of the Republicans that even the loss of him who was practically the life and soul of the movement only shook their courage for a time. Much has been written as to the supineness of the Government and the ease with which the revolution could have been suppressed even after the firing had begun. Future historians may have revelations to make on this point. In the meantime a theory put forward by Dr. E. J. DILLON, a journalist who had an intimate knowledge of the conditions preceding the outbreak, may be accepted. This is that the Government simply did not have the moral courage to withstand the Republicans; there was a feeling that the game was not worth the candle, and that any success on their side could only be temporary. The Portuguese monarchy, with all that it meant, was bound sooner or later to go. As to why disaffection to the monarchy should have been so widespread in the Navy no reasons have been offered. The disaffection in the Army was not nearly so widespread. Indeed, the Republicans felt no certainty of help being forthcoming from that quarter, although they had hopes that at least some of the army would come over to their side—hopes which were not disappointed. But compared with the feeling in the Navy, the Army was for the most part strongly monarchist, and if the King had not fled and the Government had been alert in bringing up troops from the provinces before the railway was cut, the Republicans would have been placed in a serious position. As it was, without a leader, the troops fought only half-heartedly and laid down their arms when they found the King had gone. The more independent spirit usually to be found among naval men hardly seems sufficient to account for their

Republican feeling, and probably the real ground of their antagonism to the monarchists is to be found in grievances arising from the corruption in the Government. That this corruption was of immense proportions there is happily only too much evidence. Indeed, it is in the astonishingly corrupt manner in which the Government of the country was carried on that the causes of the Revolution are to be found. With a population of less than six millions, Portugal has to-day a national debt of £177,000,000, or about £38 a head, which makes it little surprising that the annual deficit in the Portuguese Budget is from a million to a million and a half pounds sterling. The cost of the public service is an indication of efficiency which may be regarded as reliable, so that from the fact that in Portugal the rate per head is three times the cost per head in Great Britain it may be concluded that all is not sound. Further, when we read that in Portugal the illiterate number three-fourths of the population, and that forty-five of the schools that existed were maintained entirely by the Republicans, at their own expense, all surprise vanishes at the overwhelming force of Republican opinion. Yet, at the same time, the peaceful revolution of Portugal must be regarded as more or less a piece of luck—guided by judgment. That the Republicans expected much stronger opposition is shown by the fact they relied greatly upon surprising the Government, and that when it was thought the Government had discovered their plans, their leader fell by his own hand rather than suffer what he regarded as certain failure. In revolutions, as in other things, "the little more, and how much it is; the less, and what worlds away." King MANUEL's flight was "the little more" of the post, which set the Republicans firmly in the saddle. How they will ride remains to be seen.

The Kobe amateur Theatricals have in rehearsal "His Excellency the Governor."

Mr. H. Goffe succeeds Mr. R. H. Fraser, C.M.G., as British Consul-General at Hankow.

Bishop Montgomery, who is visiting the Church of England missionary centres in the Far East, has arrived in Hongkong.

The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha's branch office at Moji was yesterday destroyed by fire. The cause was a defective stove. The destroyed building was insured with the Kyosai Fire Insurance Company for ¥30,000.

We have received from the American Consulate-General at Hongkong a copy of the following telegram sent from the Manila Observatory at 10.30 a.m., Manila, December 21, 10 a.m. Cyclone or typhoon East of Southern Luzon, direction unknown.

Japanese kakemono sometimes fetch enormous sums of money, rivaling in this respect the old masters of the West. The Japan Chronicle learns that a painting showing victories with three puppets, executed by Maruyama Okyo, a famous old artist, has been disposed of in Kyoto for the sum of ¥22,000.

The belief prevails among ignorant people in Japan and China that the eating of human liver is a cure for various diseases, and reports are published from time to time of cases where the dead are mutilated and their livers removed by stealth. A Fusan dispatch reports that a number of persons have been arrested at that port charged with removing the livers from dead bodies coming to the crematorium.—Japan Chronicle.

BRITISH TRADE IN INDO-CHINA.

The British Consul in Indo-China (Mr. Cardillo) in his annual trade report says:—

Although a large part of the commerce of French Indo-China is carried on through our colonies of Hongkong and Singapore there is but little business done between Indo-China and merchants in the United Kingdom, and the amount of goods of British manufacture that are sold in Indo-China is comparatively small. It does not appear probable that the amount of imports from the United Kingdom will appreciably increase as long as the heavy tariffs which protect goods of French origin remain in force. None of our European rivals, however, do any better than ourselves, and in such imports as do come from European countries other than France we lead the way. A portion of the goods imported from Hongkong and Singapore, of course, of European manufacture, but the proportion is not very large. It is clear that France has succeeded in reserving for her home merchants something not far short of a monopoly of the market for European goods in this colony.

But, viewed from another aspect, the trade of Indo-China is worthy of our attention. The fact that so great a portion of it is carried on with our Eastern possessions is one that we cannot lose sight of. India sends raw cotton, cotton yarns and gunny bags. Hongkong and Singapore between them had in 1908 about 40 per cent. and in 1909 about 33 per cent. of the total trade (imports and exports combined), and it is evident that a not inconsiderable contribution to their commerce and prosperity (especially in the case of Hongkong) was supplied to them by Indo-China. Further, we see from the shipping returns that a very large proportion of the trade is carried in British vessels.

In view of these considerations, therefore, the progress and well-being of the French Far Eastern colony must be of considerable material interest to us.

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THE SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM SMOKING.

ASSEMBLY'S REPRESENTATIONS

PEKING, December 21st.

The Assembly is memorialising the Throne in favour of the severest punishment but not capital punishment being imposed for opium smoking and the offering of rewards to informers. The memorial presented on Monday on the subject was not regarded as sufficiently strong, and was not passed. Another is being prepared.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

THE NORTH BORNEO DINNER.

LONDON, December 21st.

At the North Borneo dinner, Sir Joseph West Ridgeway said the better Borneo was administered the greater would be the Company's profits. The Board's policy was to make the administration efficient, to develop the resources of the country, especially encouraging private enterprise, to make the natives and whites contented, and to attract labour settlers and capital.

Lord Crew said the fact that little was heard in the Press or Parliament about the administration of Borneo was the best tribute to its efficiency. In Sir West Ridgeway had been found a satisfactory successor to the late Mr. Cowie, whom he warmly eulogised.

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE IN INDIA.

LONDON, December 21st.

A message from Hyderabad states that the Crown Prince witnessed a magnificent review at Secunderabad, and then took command of the Thirty-Third Cavalry Regiment, which he led brilliantly.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Mr. Hallifax ordered a gunner in the R.G.A. to pay a fine of \$10 for assaulting a Japanese girl at Wanchai.

An ex-Jukong, who was charged before Mr. E. R. Hallifax with assaulting a Chinese woman at West Point, was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment and ordered to pay \$2 compensation.

The manager of the Vienna Café proceeded against an assistant cook before Mr. Hallifax on a charge of stealing four knives. Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the defendant, and the case was remanded.

Maurice Cummins, an unemployed seaman, was charged before Mr. Wood with being drunk and disorderly in the Sailors' Home. Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

His Worship asked if he had not recently sentenced the defendant to seven days' imprisonment.

Defendant—Yes.
His Worship—You are now sentenced to one month's imprisonment.
Defendant—Thank you.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Wood yesterday with kidnapping two small boys from Kowloon. According to the story of the complainants they were employed by a shoe-maker in China, but he found cause to chastise them and they ran away. At Kowloon they met the defendants, who persuaded them to come to Hongkong where, they were told, they would get work picking tobacco leaves and would be able to earn as much as fifty or sixty cents a day. They boarded the *Shui On*, but defendants had not sufficient money to pay their passage. The boys then told their story and the captain detained the defendants and handed them over to the police on arrival here. His Worship held that there was no evidence to show that the boys were brought here by force, fraud, or intimidation, and discharged the defendants.

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

This concert took place in the Theatre Royal last night in the presence of a large attendance of music lovers. The well-selected programme was admirably carried through, the choral work being effective and the performance of the soloists being praiseworthy. An extended notice will appear in our issue to-morrow.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

December 12th.

A GRUESOME CRIME.

A native of the Sanming District had for a long time been a resident of a British Colony, where he died. In accordance with native custom his remains were brought back to China for interment. The local robbers got to hear of this and came to the conclusion that there was treasure hidden in the coffin. They therefore lay in wait and when the bearers came to a lonely part of the road they were ordered to put down their load on pain of death. The terrified coolies at once made off and the ghouls then proceeded to ransack the coffin. Contrary to their expectations they found no treasure, the only thing of value being a string of official beads. The robbers took this, cast the corpse into an adjacent paddy field and made off.

PRISONER ASSAULT.

Yet another incident has occurred to show the public the terrible state of the Chinese gaols. From evidence given it would appear that when now victim is admitted to these places he is "squeezed" for a sum of money by those criminals who have been in the place for a long time. If the money is not forthcoming the newcomer's life is made a misery, and it is on record that prisoners have even employed the warders to pawn clothing to satisfy the greed of their fellow inmates. A few days ago a man was incarcerated in a local gaol and, according to the above-mentioned custom, two other criminals demanded money from him. The man had none, neither had he any effects, and his friends were in a distant province. The older men then assaulted the unfortunate man to such an extent that his life is despaired of. The next day the two men were brought up before the magistrates and had their sentences augmented.

LING CHI.

A terrible story comes from the Heang Shan District. It appears that a woman was not very well treated by her husband, who much neglected her. The woman became possessed of a paramour and after a time the husband died. The authorities became suspicious and an inquiry was held into the man's death. It was then discovered that the wife had given the husband poison and the deadly staff had been supplied by the paramour, who was the instigator of the crime. The two were arrested and after trial the woman was sentenced to suffer death by the terrible process of *ling chi*, (sliding into small pieces) while the man was doomed to decapitation.

ACCUSING A MAGISTRATE.

The magistrate of the King Shan District has got himself in trouble. It appears that one of his underlings had some effects stolen and that this man accused a respectable trader of being the thief. The officer believed this tale and threw the wrongfully accused man into gaol. Not content with this the magistrate sealed up the man's shop and the runners employed to do so stole several articles. The people, hearing of this unjust treatment, became very excited and a meeting was held, the outcome of which was that the official was accused to the Canton authorities of bad conduct, neglect of duties and general incompetence. It is further stated of this official that not long ago a number of prisoners escaped from the local gaol and that he took no steps to re-arrest them.

WOMAN'S NEWSPAPER.

Canton is to have a newspaper entirely devoted to the interests of women. The founder and editor is a well educated local lady, who is using this means to educate and enlighten the members of her sex. The first copy will be issued on the 15th of next month. This is a movement in the right direction, and the lady is to be congratulated on her enterprise, which is to be hoped will be successful.

FATHAN PROCESSIONS.

The last of the Fathans processions was held on Sunday. For several days past people in thousands have visited the town and the trains have been filled to overflowing. It is estimated that at least a million dollars have been spent in these senseless shows, and several of the local papers deplore this enormous waste of money. During the shows several accidents took place. A woman carrying a child on her back was so pressed upon by the crowd that the baby was crushed to death. A man also was so crushed by the throng that he became insensible. Pickpockets have been more than usually busy and are supposed to have gathered rich harvests. Saturday's procession was greeted (?) by the presence of all the "filles de joie" in the town, who in wonderful array marched in the procession.

CONSULAR CHANGES.

The news of the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, the popular British Consul, and his wife, has been received with sincere regret by the whole community, says the *Forbes Echo*. There is no doubt that during the few short months Mr. Wilkinson has been here matters consular have been expedited more than usual, and we had hoped that this port was to retain the services of a pushing and energetic man for a more extended period, but evidently the claims of P'ochow can be more easily set aside than can those of Nanking, to which latter place Mr. Wilkinson has been transferred. His duties here will fall into the hands of Mr. Werner, who is due by the next English mail arriving at Hongkong.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Hallifax with snatching a handbag containing 60 cents from Miss Barrington on September 15th on a pathway leading from the filter beds at West Point to Bonham Road. The accused, before snatching the bag, is alleged to have thrown a powder in the complainant's face. Mr. A. Jackson (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master) appeared for the defence, and the hearing was adjourned.

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[REUTERS'S SPECIAL POLITICAL SERVICE.]

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

LONDON, December 21st.

The elections are ended.

The parties now stand:

Liberal	271	} 398
Labour	.....	43
Nationalist	.....	74
Unionist	10	} 272

Members elected ... 670
Government Majority ... 126

THE PARTY GAINS ARE:

Unionists	.....	28
Liberals	.....	23
Labour	.....	5
Nationalist	.....	2

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO MURDER.

At the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon before Mr. E. B. Hallifax the hearing of the charge of conspiracy to murder preferred against three Chinese, one of whom belongs to a well-known local family, was continued. The names of the defendants are Wong Tze Kin, Mak U Chin and Chin Cham.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the defendants.

Fung Hon, first interpreter in the Registrar-General's department, testified to checking the translations of documents before the Court. The translations were correct.

Kamfat Lay, a bookkeeper in the International Bank, said he was one of the executors and trustees under the will of Wong Wing Po. He produced the original probate of the will, signed on November 10th, 1909. The first defendant was the eldest son of the testator.

Mak Kun, recalled, was cross-examined by Mr. Gardiner. He said he received money to buy acid.

Why did you receive \$16 more than the third defendant?—It was divided that way.

Was there no explanation why you should receive a larger sum?—It was said it would be made up later on.

Did you get the acid?—I said I would, but I did not. Instead, I went to the police.

I put it to you the bottle of white fluid found on the table was put there by you just before the police entered?—No.

Was there no bottle on the table while you were there?—It was there, but still I was asked to buy the acid.

Were you in the room when the police arrived?—I was.

Was any reference made to this bottle?—It was said that if the fluid in the bottle was applied to the eyes they would go blind.

Were you to murder the boys yourself?—Others were to help me.

Who delivered the letter you addressed to the three defendants?—I handed it to one of them. Can you tell us what you said in that letter?—I promised to do the deed, but said I must have a signed agreement before I did it.

I put it to you the dead you were to do was to be worth \$1,000?—I was told to murder people. No mention was made about borrowing money.

Re-examined by Mr. Bowley:

Who were the others who were going to help you to commit the murder?—Several of them.

Two small boys were brought into Court, and witness said they were the boys who had been pointed out to him. When he first saw them he said, "It is no good to do it, because they are so young and so good-looking."

His Worship—Was anything definite said as to the plan by which this murder was to be committed?—We were to go into the house and strangle them.

How many of you?—I understood four.
Mrs. Wong Fan Shi said she was the widow of Wong Wing Po, who died last year. She now resided at 41, Caine Road, with his three small children. The first defendant was a son of her deceased husband by his first wife.

In cross-examination witness said the first defendant had always treated his stepbrothers very well. He last took them to a church bazaar to get some prizes, and gave them some dolls.

Further evidence was taken, and the hearing adjourned.

THE TA CHING BANK.

The Hon. Mr. Lin has asked the Board of Finance the following questions with regard to the Ta Ching Bank:—

(1) Since the Board has stated in answer to the Hon. Lo-chieh that the Ta Ching Bank is modelled on the Central Bank of Japan and that the issue of bank notes is the exclusive right of the Central Bank, why does it allow the Communications, Kung Yeh and other banks to issue bank notes with impunity?

(2) Is there any limit to the issue of bank notes by the Ta Ching Bank?

(3) Whether the value of the bank notes issued by the Ta Ching Bank tallies with the amount of its reserve fund?

(4) As the Central Bank should be the bankers of the ordinary banks and the chief financial organ, and the Ta Ching Bank carries on the same business as the ordinary banks, whether it can properly be deemed to be of the nature of a Central Bank?

[SPECIAL ARTICLE.]

Coming now to the second cause—there is an undoubted and growing indisposition on the part of the owner of property—to repair defects, the reason being apparently that he dreads the Government—as the burnt child is said to dread the fire; and he cannot execute the most trifling work without obtaining the approval or more often the disapproval of a Government department. If he wants to drive a nail into his back door to hang his hat on; permission must be obtained, and plans sent in to the Public Works Department—and then all sorts of dreadful questions arise. What is the weight of the hat? Is the door strong enough to take the strain? Is the wall thick enough to have a door in it? Are the foundations of the wall wide enough to carry the superstructure? And occasionally, more fearful than all, has the door itself been put in, at some previous time, without the permission of the Public Works Department? In this latter case, it becomes a nuisance, a horrible offence punishable by fine or imprisonment. Meanwhile a correspondence goes on for weeks or months, as the case may be, in the course of which the owner takes the advice of an architect, and the opinion of a lawyer; and if eventually perhaps called into the awful presence of the Building Authority himself. This sort of "Hous-that-Jack-built" arrangement affords regular and pleasant occupation for the junior officers of the Public Works Department, but it is extremely vexatious and expensive for the poor property owner; and it renders him more

PIRACY ON THE MIN.

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Several cases of piracy within sight of Foochow have taken place on the river recently near Kushan Point, and unfortunate campaign owners while anchored for the night have lost both their persons and their property of everything by village pirates. One of the Customs Staff happened to anchor off Kushan some nights ago, and pirates came aboard with a great noise, but upon seeing a foreigner quickly made off again. News has also been received by a large firm in the port, that their shroff went on business to a village near Santzu has been robbed by pirates, who made a valuable haul. Is there no remedy? If some posts are not taken immediately the pirates will soon become usual, especially now that China's new year is near at hand. The failure of several native banks is likely to increase the trouble by adding to the distress of the Chinese community. — Foochow Echo.

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In conclusion, I beg to thank your excellencies for your kindness in presiding at the ceremony, and for the encouragement thereby give both to teachers and pupils.

His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni expressed his pleasure and satisfaction at the success achieved by the College during the year, thanked his Excellency for the honour conferred upon them by his presence and for the encouragement he thereby gave to the teachers and pupils. The report just read was certainly

than last year. Of those who have passed in senior there are four who are excused reasons, which means that they are qualified to enter any university in England or here without any matriculation examination. (Applause)

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and the remaining five were discharged within a few days when the possibility of Plague infection had been eliminated; all these were adults except one boy of about fifteen years of age. The solicitude expressed over foreigners in regard to imaginary disease

erely foreigners in regard to imaginary desertion of the dead betrays unworthy suspicion. The Health Office methods as well as ignorance of the fact that the native method of confining the dead is to place the body in a hole in the ground.

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LONDON, &c., via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	HIMALAYA	Brit. str.	—	L. E. S. Spicer, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 24th inst. at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	SOMALI	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 28th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	CEYLON	Brit. str.	—	A. E. A. Baker	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd Jan.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	About 10th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PENBROKESHIRE	Swed. str.	—	R. Haynes	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	About 2nd Feb.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	SLAK	Ger. str.	k. w.	Gierstenbrau	MELCHERS & Co	About middle of Jan.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	BRIGAVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Ernst	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th Jan.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	ARABIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Manas	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	v. Döhren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 15th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jäger	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th inst.
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	VILLAGRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Barillon	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 3rd Jan. at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	VILLE DE LA CROIX	Frén. str.	—	H. Petersen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Hagino	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan. at D'Light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	KAGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th Jan. at D'Light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	ATSUTA MARU	Jap. str.	k. w.	Balle	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd Jan.
MARSEILLES, HAMBURG & ANTWERP	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	—	F. v. Binzer	MELCHERS & Co.	On 28th inst. at Noon
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, &c.	PRINZ LUDWIG	Aus. str.	—	B. Cobel	SANDRE, WILBER & Co.	On 29th inst., P.M.
TRIESTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	INTERCLYDE	Brit. str.	—	J. C. Alexander	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	About 28th inst.
NEW YORK	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 14th Jan. at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTREAL	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 25th Jan. at Noon
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawan	SHOSHO KAISHA	On 28th inst. at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan. at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. S. Cowley	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st Jan. at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. VANCOUVER, & SEATTLE	SUVERIC	Brit. str.	—	—	DOWDLE & Co., LTD.	On 17th Jan.
CALLAO IQUIQUE, &c., via JAPAN PORTS, &c.	KITO MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Sekine	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 18th Feb.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	YAMATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 31st inst. at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	SIBERIA	Am. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 1st Jan. at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	CHINA	Am. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 14th Jan. at 1 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	COLENZ	Ger. str.	—	H. Roegner	MELCHERS & Co.	On 31st inst. at D'Light
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan. at Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	F. Isacke	MELCHERS & Co.	About 10th Jan.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIZACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 5 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KYUANO-MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Winkler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th Jan. at Noon
JAPAN	TEJODAS	Brit. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerick	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIGN	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	POORANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	To-day, at Noon
SHANGHAI	CHONG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	NIPPON	Swed. str.	—	—	OTOF WHI & Co., LTD	About 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 23rd inst.
SHANGHAI	LINAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. Lindbergh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst. at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	BOMBEY MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Teranaka	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst.
SHANGHAI via NINGPO	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	F. Wheeler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 27th inst. at Noon
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	BUNJAN MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHO KAISHA	On 28th inst. at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BUELOW	Ger. str.	k. w.	H. Forme	MELCHERS & Co.	About 28th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SLAVONIA	Brit. str.	—	F. J. Fox	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 30th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NUBIA	Frén. str.	—	Martin	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 30th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NERA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 12th Jan.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	INDIEN	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	Beginning of Jan.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TIKINK	Dut. str.	—	H. Koops	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIGN	Quick despatch
SHANGHAI	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str				

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Captain L. E. S. SPICER, R.N.B., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this office for Bombay, &c., on **SATURDAY**, the 24th December, 1910, at **NOON**, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "**MORNA**," 11,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.
Sails on Valuable, all cargo for France and Tees for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. "**HIMALAYA**," due in London on the 4th February, 1911.
Parcels will be received at this office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
For further particulars, apply to
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SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British str. *Maunag* reports: Strong moonsoon till 19th inst., then thick fog outside Waigan.
The British str. *Huaitan* reports: Light to fresh variable winds and high sea, overcast drizzling rainy weather.

PASSENGERS.
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Yangtze, *Buffalo*. 20th—*Benleuch*, *C*
Invercreek, *Kanagawa Maru*, *Monmouth*.

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Per *Mausang*, from Sandakan, Mr. W. G.
States.
DEPARTED.
Per *Tourane*, for Japan, &c., Mr Paul Floer,
Mr and Mrs Lefrano, Mr Hugo V. Alpen and
Mr Eto.

Per Touareg, for Haiphong, &c., Mr Hunt;
Mr P. Tester, Mr and Mrs Ishikawa, Misses
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Per *Nikko Maru*, for Japan, Dr. Von Bulow,
Miss. Mann, Mrs Haarn, Miss Hearne, Mr

Johnson, Major Woodcock, Mr Cray and Mr. Iahii.

Per Polynesia, for Europe, Count de Pont-e, Messrs Pila, R. M. Faria Maia, Adelino Pinto, and J. M. G.

Gonzalves Vaz, Augusto da Costa, M. C.
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The Post Office will be open on Christmas Day, on Monday, the 26th inst., on Tuesday, the 27th inst., and on Monday, the 2nd January, from 8 to 9 a.m. only. In the event of the arrival of the French Mail on the 2nd January, the Post Office will be open one hour for the delivery thereof. There will be one delivery and one collection of letters each day, as on Sunday. The Monday Order office will be entirely closed on the above dates.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

The *Despatch*, with the English Mail of the 25th ult., left Singapore on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 9 a.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings Parcel Mail closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 16th of November and for despatch overland on the 23rd of November.

The *Empress of China*, with the Canadian Mail left Shanghai on Monday, the 19th inst., at Midnight, and may be expected here to-morrow at 9 a.m.

The *Himalaya*, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here to-day.

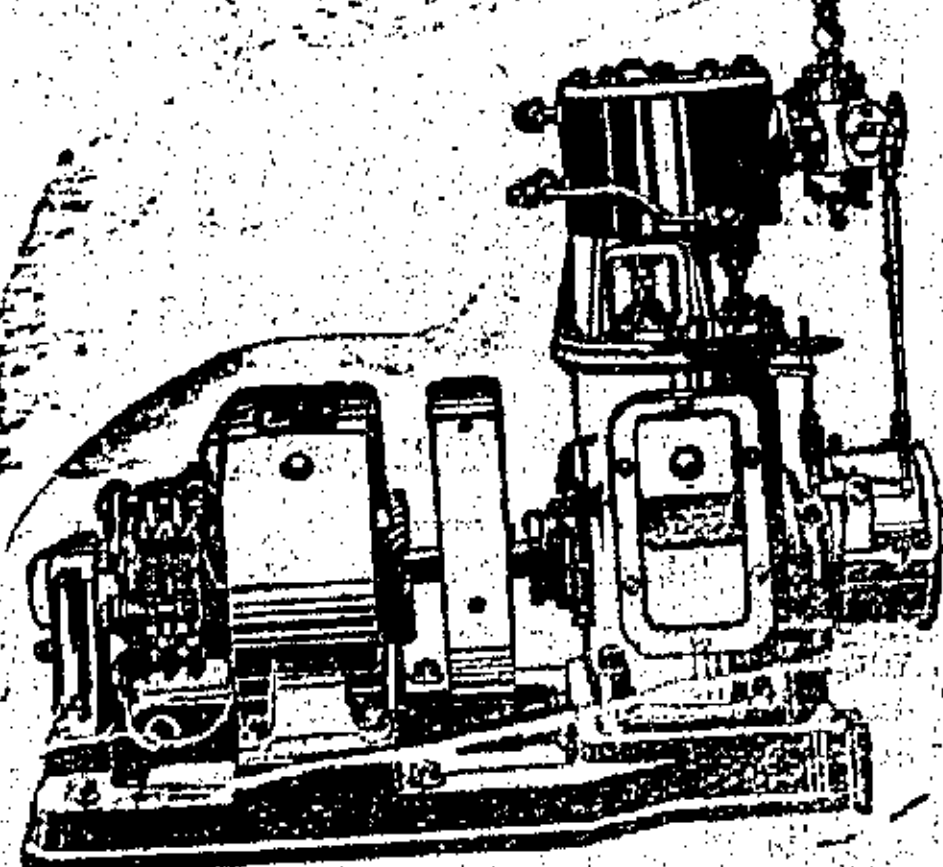
FOR	PER	DATE
Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle	<i>Yasaka Maru</i>	Thursday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Amoy, Cebu and Iloilo	<i>Kaifong</i>	Thursday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	<i>Haryang</i>	Thursday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	<i>Sui Tai</i>	Thursday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	<i>Chenau</i>	Thursday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	<i>Devanka</i>	Thursday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	<i>Haitan</i>	Friday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	<i>Kwonggang</i>	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Haiphong	<i>Singap</i>	Friday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	<i>Sui Tai</i>	Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Saigon	<i>Laertes</i>	Friday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	<i>Hongkong</i>	Saturday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	<i>Laisang</i>	Saturday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Samarang and Sourabaya	<i>Hilary</i>	Saturday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	<i>Wingung</i>	Saturday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, & C. INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) (The Parcel mail will be closed to-morrow at 5 p.m.)	<i>Himalaya</i>	Monday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai	<i>Haitan</i>	Saturday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	<i>Sui Tai</i>	Saturday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	<i>Devanka</i>	Saturday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	<i>Daigin Maru</i>	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai	<i>Kwonggang</i>	Tuesday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA AND SEATTLE	<i>Seattle Maru</i>	Wednesday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, & C. INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to 11.30 Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	<i>Prins Ludwig</i>	Wednesday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	<i>Gregory Apcar</i>	Wednesday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	<i>Zafiro</i>	Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle	<i>Oanfa</i>	Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Jessellton, and Sandakan	<i>Mausang</i>	Wednesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO	<i>Nippon Maru</i>	Thursday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
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Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight	110 1/2
ON PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	233 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	237 1/2
ON GERMANY:—	
On demand	189
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	44 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	45 1/2
ON BOMBAY:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	137 1/2
Bank, on demand	137 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	137 1/2
Bank, on demand	137 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:—	
Bank, at sight	73 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	74 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:—	
On demand	73 1/2
ON MANILA:—	
On demand	73 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:—	
On demand	110 1/2
ON HONGKONG:—	
On demand	11 1/2
ON SAIGON:—	
On demand	1 1/2
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SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.80
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$55.80
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Chinese	20 cents pieces
Chinese	10 "
Hongkong	20 "
Hongkong	10 "

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 21ST, 1910.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$895, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	26	\$20, buyers
Bank of China, Limited	8,604	12 1/2	12 1/2	\$8, sellers
Bank of Communications, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$93, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$5 cts., buyers
China Merchants Bank, Limited	50,000	\$1	\$1	\$7, sellers
China Mortgage and Loan Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	
UTILITIES.				
Electric Light & Power Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 30	Tls. 30	Tls. 85
Gas Co., Ltd.	125,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 44, buyers
Waterworks Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 50
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 48 1/2
Leong-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 242 1/2
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$17 1/2
INDUSTRIES.				
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	60,000	\$50	all	\$51, buyers
DOCK AND WHARVES.				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	\$53, sales
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$5 1/2	\$5 1/2	\$6, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 67 1/2
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 95
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$5
Fenwick & Co., Limited	400,000	\$16	\$10	\$4
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$205
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$20, sales
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$97 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$65, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$125
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	15,000	\$10	\$7	\$7
Hongkong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$185
INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$116, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$87 1/2
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$360
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 125, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$827 1/2
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$190
Yankee Insurance Association, Limited	10,000	\$100	\$100	\$100, sellers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	\$6, sales
Hongkong Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$50	\$50	\$33 1/2
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	Tls. 30	Tls. 30	Tls. 105, sales
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	\$50	\$50	\$39
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	
MINING.				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$700
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£1	£1	\$4, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$13, sellers
Philippines Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$8
HARVESTING.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$124
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$82, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50
SEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	all	\$20, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$15	\$15	\$30, sales
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	25	all	56, sel. L/dn
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 def.	£1	£1	81 1/2, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$123, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$25
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$5 1/2, buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$5 1/2
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$2 1/2
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$3, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$6, sales
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$30 1/2, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$10	\$10
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fideis	\$10	\$10	\$10
RUBBERS.				
Anglo-Malays	750,000	2 1/2	all	4 1/2 sales
Balgownie	1,500,000	£1	all	25
Batu Tiga	151,200	£1	all	\$11 (Sts.)
Dukit Kajang	70,000	£1	all	87 1/2
Castlefields, fully paid	30,000	£1	all	75 1/2
Cherwell	30,000	£1	all	117 1/2
Eastern and International	70,000	£1	all	12 1/2 prem.
Highlands and Lowlands	307,143	£1	all	5 1/2 prem.
Kamunings	1,825,000	2 1/2	all	—
Kuala Lumpur	180,000	2 1/2	all	16 1/2
Labus	100,000	2 1/2	all	67 1/2
Leibury's	100,000	2 1/2	all	45 1/2
Lingis	1,255,000	2 1/2	all	123
London Asiatics	1,000,000	2 1/2	all	5 1/2
London Ventures	1,750,000	2 1/2	all	6 1/2
Merlimas	45,000	2 1/2	all	\$33 (Sts.)
Pegohs	100,000	2 1/2	all	17 1/2 prem.
Rubber Trusts	100,000	2 1/2	all	\$25 s. div. (Sts.)
Sandoroffs	50,000	2 1/2	all	25 1/2
Seapros	100,000	2 1/2	all	72 1/2
Shelfords	65,000	2 1/2	all	12 (Sts.)
Singapore and Johore	125,000	2 1/2	all	10 1/2
Sumatra Parus	95,000	2 1/2	all	—
Sungei Kapang	90,000	2 1/2	all	—
United Serdangs	170,000	2 1/2	all	112 1/2

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TO-DAY

9 P.M.—Orchestral Concert at Theatre Royal.
Neon—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property at Auction Rooms, by Mr. Geo. P. Lamont.
FORTHCOMING EVENT
Saturday, 24th Dec.—Boxing at the City Hall, 9.15 P.M.

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